The following messages were received from the house of delegates, and severally read.

By the House of Delegates,

December 27th, 1831.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We have received your message, proposing to sit for the dispatch of public business from ten o'clock in the morning untill three o'clock in the afternoon, and concur therein. We have appointed the honourable Richard Thomas speaker, and George G. Brewer chief clerk.

By order,

G. G. Brewer, Clk.

By the House of Delegates,

December 27, 1831.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We propose with the concurrence of your honorable body to appoint a committee to consist of five members of this house, conjointly with such gentlemen as may be appointed by the senate on their part, to contract for the public printing. We have appointed Messrs. Brewer. Teackle, Kent, Hunt and Lyles, on the part of this house. By order,

G. G. Brewer, clk.

Mr. Mayer submitted the following message, which was read the first time, and by special order the second time, and assented to, to wit:

By the Senate,

December 27th, 1831.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

The Senate has received your message of this date, proposing to appoint a joint committee to contract for the publie printing, and concur therein. The Senate has appointed Messrs. Mayer, Wootton and Claude, to join the committee appointed by your house.

By order,

J. H. Nicholson, Cl'k.

On motion of Mr. Mayer, the following order was read

and adopted. to wit:

Ordered, That Messrs. Mayer, Montgomery and Reid, be appointed a committee to examine the proceedings of the electorial college for the election of this senate, and to report thereon.

On motion of Mr. Chapman, the following order was

read and adopted, to wit: